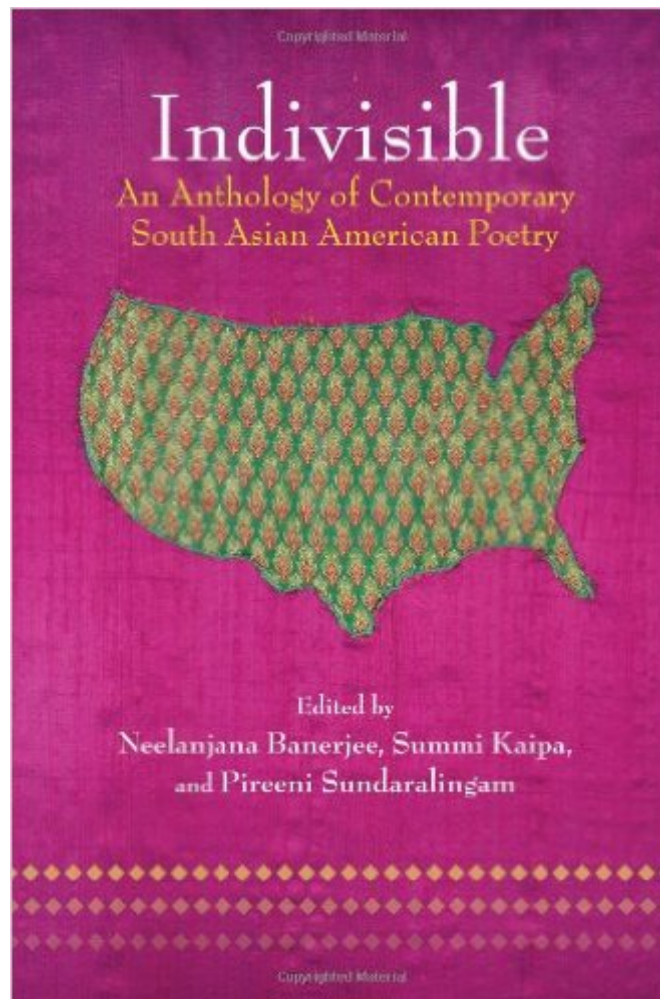


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Yes, I'm a contributor to this anthology, and that might make me biased - but only because I know the editors, and the amount of energy, talent, and enthusiasm they've put into making this a great anthology, one that Billy Collins has called one of the finest poetry anthologies around! I'm honored to be a part of this. In 1991 the first Asian American Poetry Anthology was published, THE BIG AIEEEE!, and it was groundbreaking, visionary, and transformative. This book has the potential to be the same kind of landmark publication for years to come. Thanks for your support, and please spread the word!

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